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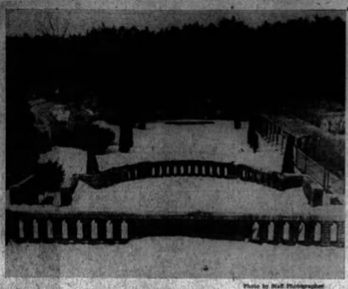
HYDE HEIRS GIVE ELMHURST TO PINE TREE SOCIETY



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The sunken garden in the rear of the Hyde mansion with greenhouses at left included in the gift of the Hyde heirs to the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children.

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Fulfills a Dream

Mrs. Marie Preston, executive director of the Society, in accepting the offer for the society said that this gift was the fulfillment of a dream of over 10 years standing. "The Society," she said, "has long felt the need for a home for convalescent children, realizing that these children need specialized care during the period after leaving the hospital and before such time as they have recovered sufficiently to lead a normal life among well children at home and in school."

"I cannot express the deep sense of appreciation in the hearts and minds of all members of the Society," she continued, "for this generous gift by the Hyde sisters as a memorial to their family. Words are useless at this time. Acquiring of the home will give us the opportunity which we have so long desired to further our work for the handicapped children of the State, and we will work and strive to live up to the new responsibilities placed upon us by the acceptance of this gift."

Ideally Suited

Elmhurst is particularly adaptable for the purpose for which the gift is intended. Situated on spacious grounds, of brick construction, fireproof throughout, it has numerous sun porches and a solarium which will be ideal for sun treatments of the boys and girls; the building is equipped with an elevator and contains in the neighborhood of 17 rooms with ample opportunity to convert them into more rooms of smaller size.

A completely equipped greenhouse is included with opportunities for flower and vegetable gardens where the children who are able will have a chance to learn horticulture and work in the fresh air at light tasks which should prove of interest to them.

The grounds are beautiful, well shaded, and there is ample room for all kinds of activities which may become a part of the Society's rehabilitation program.

The headquarters of the Society which are now located on Cumberland street in Brunswick will be moved here shortly it was announced Saturday. Details of the staff and work which will be carried on here are necessarily not complete at this time due to the suddenness of the offer and the many other details concerned with the offer which had to be cleared up first.

Meeting Saturday

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was called for Saturday on authorization of Julius S. Bixler, president of Colby College and president of the Pine Tree Society. Mr. Bixler is now in California but was contacted by telephone. In hearing of the offer Mr. Bixler, after expressing his pleasure and appreciation of the offer stated that "This generous offer of the Hyde sisters will gladden the hearts of all those interested in helping Maine's crippled children."

Elmhurst

Work on the construction of Elmhurst was started in 1913 and completed in 1914.

The architects were John Calvin Stevens, a Fellow of the Institute of Architects, and John Howard Stevens, associated with him. The estimated cost of the project including grading of the land, building of Elmhurst, the barn, farm home and a mile of iron fense about the property was $500,000.

The mansion is of brick, fireproof throughout and contains 17 rooms in addition to a large ball room on the third floor, a swimming pool in the basement, large sun porches, a solarium, a large library and a lobby.

Grounds included in the offer by the Hyde heirs are some several acres in extent.

The home has been the scene of many lavish and delightful social events. One of the most outstanding being a reception in February of 1915 when nearly 300 citizens of the city attended. Madame Emma Eames de Gogorza, Bath's noted opera singer and her talented husband, Emilio de Gogorza entertained with musical selection and at this time there was dancing in the huge ball room. Refreshments were served in the dining room with a corps of trained waiters from Boston in attendance.

To enumerate the parties and gatherings which followed would be impossible, there have been so many of them as Elmhurst for many years was the social center of the city and the scene of scores of happy events.

John Sedgwick Hyde

John Sedgwick Hyde, builder of Elmhurst, was born in Bath, March 25, 1867, a son of Thomas Worcester and Ann Hayden Hyde. He was educated in the public schools of Bath and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in 1888, when he returned to Bath and went into the employ of the Bath Iron Works.

In 1905 he acquired ownership of the plant which originally had been organized by his father, Thomas W. Hyde, and became president and directed the affairs of the company until his death in March of 1917.

As a citizen, John S. Hyde was loyal to every interest of Bath. He was willing with large sums of money and personal influence to help anything that promised good for his native city. Bowdoin college in its General Thomas Worcester Hyde athletic building is a large beneficiary from John S. Hyde's generosity, a memorial to his father.

To provoke work when labor was in need in this city was a large factor in his undertaking the extension of the Elmhurst estate into the "Five-Mile Swamp," reclaiming the wild land and converting the forest into a great park and constructing his magnificent new home there on a ledge which was long known as Sunset rock.

In the amazing brilliance of his career and its wonderful success, the beauty of the man's character was revealed in the simplicity of his life and treatment of citizens among whom he had grown and achieved and his death was mourned city-wide by friends in every walk of life.

This action of the granddaughters of this beloved citizen in making Elmhurst available for the crippled children of Maine is in keeping with the generous and humanitarian spirit which he displayed all through his life.

The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, Inc.

The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children was incorporated in 1936 as a statewide organization of Maine citizens who, recognizing the needs of the handicapped, undertook the work of helping crippled children in Maine live and play "like other children."

At first its services were limited to providing special teachers for crippled children who were unable to attend school and to transporting them to hospitals and clinics. Funds were also used to buy wheel chairs, braces, crutches and other necessary orthopedic equipment.

Growing and expanding to meet demonstrated needs, the Pine Tree Society reached out to develop a statewide program designed to carry crippled children along to the ultimate goal of a normal life. Now the Pine Tree Society not only hopes to give every crippled child a chance to get well and strong, but it also works to prepare him to earn a living and with the acquisition of the facilities of the Hyde Memorial Home for Crippled Children the chances of accomplishing these worthwhile objectives are increased greatly.

Along with the new home the Society will continue to operate the Summer camp at North pond, Rome, for crippled children, the first camp of its kind in the State. This camp was opened in June, 1945, with an enrollment of 75 children. All program and activities were under the direct supervision of the Medical Advisory committee. These little campers showed such remarkable physical improvement that the Society, to insure permanency of the program, bought the camp site.

In May, 1946, the Pine Tree Society established a program designed to stimulate community consciousness of the importance of finding and aiding children suffering from cerebral palsy (spastics). The Society secured the services of an occupational therapist and the Society brought 25 spastic children to camp for special training and treatment. The medical reports evaluating the physical gains made by these children warranted the continuance of the program.

Recognizing the responsibility to help the handicapped to help themselves, the Society is planning to coordinate services for rehabilitation by opening a complete unit for physical and occupational therapy and this will be carried on at the Memorial home.

The Society recognizes that the severely disabled should be given a chance to become wholly or partially self-supporting in their own homes. To this end the Society's occupational therapist is bringing new interest and hope to the lives of Maine's homebound by teaching them to make saleable articles.

The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children does not duplicate the services of any public or private agency. The services now supplied and which will be greatly augmented with the acquisition of its new home and the operation of the planned facilities there consists of making it possible for parents to take their crippled children to hospitals and clinics for examination and treatment; provide special education for borderline cases who do not meet the requirements of the Division for Education of Physically Handicapped Children; purchasing appliances, wheelchairs, artificial limbs and special shoes, and assisting the child, the family and the public to a better understanding of the individual problems of the handicapped and to a more sympathetic interest in their needs.

MAINE LIFE INSURANCE

Maine families received $6,689,000 in life insurance death benefit payments during 1946, compared with $6,793,000 in the previous year and $5,953,000 in 1944, the Institute of Life Insurance reported today.

"The death benefit payments in this state last year were made under 6,196 policies, compared with 6,783 policies in the previous year and 6,630 policies in 1944," the Institute reported. Of the aggregate 1946 payments in the state, $5,102,000 was under 2,147 ordinary policies; $645,000 was under 475 group life insurance policies; and $942,000 was under 3,574 industrial insurance policies.

Accident Damage

In a study made in Vermont, it was found that the average damage to an automobile involved in an accident was $66.20 when it was traveling 10 miles an hour or less. When the car was traveling over 50 miles an hour, the average accident damage was $404.87.

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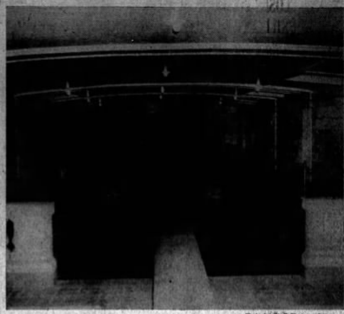

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Beautiful tiled swimming pool in the basement of the Hyde mansion which will be particularly valuable for use by the Pine Tree Society as a part of its service to handicapped children requiring heated pool treatment.

CHURCHES

Advent Christian church, Middle street, opposite School, Rev. E. B. Wright, pastor. Morning service at 11; Sunday school at 10. Evening service at 7.30, in charge of C. H. McCarty. All welcome to these services.

Beacon Street church, Methodist, corner of Washington and Beacon streets; Rev. Alfred H. Ives, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, preaching by the pastor, subject, "A Man's Neighbor." Sunday school at 11.45, Mrs. William J. Craft, superintendent. Nursing class for children of parents attending morning worship service 10.30 to 11.45; intermediate youth fellowship at six; senior youth fellowship at 6.15, subject, "Toward Self-Direction," leaders, Betty Moore and James Hunnewell. Evening service at 7.30, with gospel singing and a brief talk by the pastor on the subject, "Christian Values."

Central church, Congregational, 804 Washington street; Rev. Laforest E. Hodgkins, pastor. Morning service at 10.45, followed by the Lord's Supper, preaching by the pastor, subject, "A Certain Wonderful Way." Sunday school at 9.45, Rudolph McRae, superintendent. Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at 6.30, Winter Street Fireside club will be guests.

Corliss Street church, Baptist, corner Middle and Weeks streets; Mrs. J. M. Gowdy, supply pastor. Morning service at 11, preaching by Rev. J. Russell Rakes, Jr., guest speaker, of Waterville. Sunday school at 9.45, Silas E. Plant, superintendent. Youth Fellowship will meet in small vestry at six. Evening service at seven, with song service and Rev. J. Russell Rakes, Jr., World Mission crusader, will be the speaker.

Church of the New Jerusalem, Middle and Winter streets; Rev. Louis A. Dole, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, preaching by the pastor. Sunday school at 11.45.

First Baptist church, 845 Washington street; Rev. Charles R. Sims, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, preaching by the pastor. Communion service at 11.30. Sunday school at 11.50, Miss Alice Cromwell, superintendent. Evening service at 7.15, with gospel songs and message by pastor.

First church of the Nazarene, 653 Washington street; Rev. Wilfred Mulley, pastor. Morning service at 11, preaching by the pastor, subject, "The True Pulpit of Worship. Sunday school at 10, Eugene Dutton, superintendent. Young peoples meeting at 6. Evening service at 7, with evangelistic preaching by the pastor, subject, "The Great Intercessor."

Grace church, Episcopal, Oak and Middle streets; Rev. Charles M. Tubbs, rector. Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m. Holy Eucharist and sermon at 10.30 a. m. Church school at 12.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, North street. Morning service at 10.30, subject, "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 10.30. Golden text: Isiah 9:6—Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Full Gospel Assembly, 30 Broad street; S. Daden, pastor. Service at 2.45 p. m. Evening service at 7.30 with special speaker expected. Tuesday evening at 7.30, missionary meeting. Thursday evening at 7.30., evangelistic service.

The Salvation Army, 213 Water street; Major Albert J. Warren, pastor. Morning service at 11, preaching by Major Albert J. Warren. Sunday school at 11.15, Mrs. Ruth Fleming, superintendent. Young Peoples' Legion at 6.15, Mrs. Lena Fleming in charge. Evening service at 7.45, with Capt. Helen Hepburn, speaker, and soloists.

St. Mary's church, Catholic, 840 High street; Rev. Timothy C. Maney, pastor. Morning Masses at 7.30, 9 and 10.30. Devotions at 3 p.m.

Wesley church, Methodist, Washington street; Rev. Joseph M. Clare, pastor. Morning service at 11, preaching by M. Niles. This is layman's Sunday in Wesley church and Mr. Niles and Mr. Patten our laymen will take over and conduct the morning service. Church school at 9.30. No afternoon service. The Youth Fellowship will meet in the chapel at 6.15, when the president will preside and will conduct the worship service. The worship commissioner will arrange for the coming months on the weekly topics for discussion. No evening service.

Winter Street church, Congregational, Washington street (opposite City park); Rev. Joseph O. Purdue, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, preaching by pastor, followed by communion, subject, "Christianity vs the Spirit of the Times." Sunday school at 10.30 for primary and junior departments; 11.30 for intermediates and seniors, John Parker, superintendent. Fireside club for young people meets with Central church Pilgrim Fellowship at 6.30 p. m.

DAVID KIDD

Mrs. Harry E. Litchfield received word this morning that her sister's husband, David Kidd, had died suddenly Friday afternoon at Stratford, Conn. No further particulars were given. Mrs. Kidd is the former Arlene Percy of this city.

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